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SUBJ: JUNTA DECREES AMNESTY TO DESERTERS AND DRAFT EVADERS

REF: LISBON 1745

SUMMARY: JUNTA HAS DECREED AMNESTY FOR DRAFT EVADERS  
AND DESERTERS FROM BOTH METROPOLE AND OVERSEAS PORTUGAL.

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WHILE FULL APPLICATION OF LAW IS NOT YET CLEAR, IT WILL

BE WIDELY POPULAR AND MEET DEMANDS OF LEFT. END SUMMARY.

1. JUNTA, BY DECREE LAW MAY 1, GRANTED GENERAL AMNESTY TO ALL PORTUGUESE WHO EITHER DESERTED FROM THEIR UNITS OR EVADED DRAFT. IN LATTER CATEGORY, DECREE COVERS PERSONS WHO:

- A) FAILED TO SHOW UP AT ANY ATAGE WHILE UNDERGOING PROCESSING PRIOR TO INDUCTION;
- B) ACCEPTED INTO MILITARY, BUT FAILED TO APPEAR AT PLACE AND WITHIN TIME INDICATED;
- C) FAILED OR REFUSED TO TAKE PRE-INDUCTION TESTS, OR ATTEMPTED TO FALSIFY SUCH TESTS;
- D) DOD NOT SHOW UP AT INDUCTION CEREMONY;
- E) LEFT COUNTRY TO AVOID MILITARY SERVICE.

2. PERSONS COVERED BY AMNESTY HAVE 15 DAYS FROM DATE THEY ENTER COUNTRY TO PRESENT THEMSELVES AT CERTAIN DESIGNATED PLACES IN ORDER TO "FULFILL THEIR MILITARY OBLIGATIONS" (LAW IS UNCLEAR AS TO WHAT THOSE COVERED BY AMNESTY BUT RESIDING IN PORTUGAL MUST DO TO TURN SELVES IN).

3. STATUS OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO SPECIAL DISCIPLINARY MEASURES FOR POLITICAL REASONS WILL BE REGULARIZED. (ALTHOUGH QUESTION OF WHO WOULD BE COVERED BY THIS POINT IS NOT FULLY CLEAR).

4. COMMENT: WHILE PRECISE FIGURES ON NUMBER OF PERSONS POTENTIALLY COVERED BY AMNESTY IMPOSSIBLE TO COME BY, FIGURE OF 30,000, MAJORITY OF WHOM DRAFT EVADERS, NOT UNREASONABLE. DECREE DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE GEOGRAPHICALLY OR RACIALLY AMONG CITIZENS, AND THUS PRESUMABLY AFRICANS WHO DESERTED FROM THEIR MILITARY OR PARAMILITARY UNITS OR FAILED TO REPORT FOR MILITARY SERVICE, ARE ALSO COVERED. LAW UNCLEAR AS TO WHETHER THOSE WHO TURN SELVES IN WILL HAVE TO SERVE OUT REMAINING TIME IN MILITARY, OR WILL BE EXEMPT FROM FURTHER MILITARY OBLIGATIONS.

5. DECREE OF BROAD AMNESTY SATISFIES  
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ANOTHER DEMAND PUT FORTH IN BOTH SOCIALIST PARTY COMMUNIQUE OF APRIL 25, AND DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT (MD) MEMORANDUM HANDED TO JUNTA APRIL 29. AMNESTY IS UNDOUBTEDLY POPULAR MEASURE THROUGHOUT COUNTRY AS MANY FAMILIES ACROSS IDEOLOGICAL SPECTRUM HAVE RELATIVES OR FRIENDS WHO IN HIDING INSIDE COUNTRY OR ABROAD.  
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